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Amendment dated July 2, 2008
Reply to Office Action of April 2, 2008**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 9 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 4-10 show a bone ring implant 100 in accordance with various preferred embodiments of the present invention. Bone ring implant 100 has a leading end 102 for insertion into the implantation space, an opposite trailing end 104, a mid-longitudinal axis passing through leading end 102 and trailing end 104, opposed upper and lower surfaces 106, 108, and opposed sides, 110, 112 therebetween. Upper and lower surfaces 106, 108 include a medulary canal 114 passing therethrough which may be useful to permit for the growth of bone from adjacent vertebral body to adjacent vertebral body through the medulary canal 114 in bone ring implant 100, which can to that end be filled with fusion promoting substances. A majority of medulary canal 114 as measured on the mid-longitudinal axis of bone ring implant 100 is located between leading end 102 and a plane perpendicular to and bisecting the length of bone implant 100 into two parts of equal maximum length along the mid-longitudinal axis. The perpendicular bisecting plane passes through at least a portion of the medulary canal 114. Upper and lower surfaces 106, 108 may also be porous or include a bone ingrowth surface.